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Re: Proposed Reclamation Work, Golden Eagle Mines, Ltd., Yerian Mine, S/047/034, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Babiy:

This letter is to provide additional information and clarification prior to performing the reclamation work proposed at the Yerian Mine as discussed during the site inspection of May 15, 1997. In addition, Pete Sokolosky of the BLM provided the Division with a written description of the work to be performed on BLM lands. A copy of the BLM's description was forwarded to you and Mr. Leo Snow. Please contact me if you have not received that information or a copy of the memo for the May inspection.

I have spoken with Michele Waltz of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over the telephone regarding the reclamation work along the river bank near the pump location. Based on the information I could provide her with over the phone, she believed no permits would be required from her office, however, she recommends that rooted willow stock be planted in the areas to be reclaimed which are near the river. A written request for clearance of the proposed work was mailed to her, however, as of this date we have not received a written response from her office.

Another issue requiring clarification was the regrading of angle of repose cobble piles. The lease agreement requested that the mine operator leave any cobbles separated during the mining activity segregated. It is the Division's position that the angle of repose cobble piles should be regraded to blend in with the natural topography of the area as part of reclamation. The Division believes this regrading will not violate the terms of the lease since the cobbles will still remain separate. If the land owner is willing to accept reclamation responsibility for this



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mine site through a formal permit transfer, then Golden Eagle Mining would not be required to regrade these cobble piles.

By this letter the Division officially grants permission to proceed with the reclamation work proposed at the Yerian Mine at your earliest convenience. Please notify the Division and the Vernal BLM office of your initiation of reclamation work at the site at least one week in advance. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me by phone at (801) 538-5267.

Sincerely,



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